

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

July 14, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman
Stephanie Bondeson for Jess Jarvis, ADOT
*William Bates, Avondale
*Delbert Self, Buckeye
*Jonathan Pearson, Carefree
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
*Warren Sparks, Gila Bend
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert
Grant Anderson, Glendale
Larry Martinez, Goodyear
* Susanna Struble, Guadalupe

Chris Turner for George Flanagan, Litchfield
Park
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
Shawn Sevey for Dan Nissen, Peoria
Don Herp, Phoenix
*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Mannuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Don Needham, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Floyd Roehrich, ADOT
Terry Johnson, MAG
John Farry, MAG

Anne MacCracken, MAG
Stephen M. Tate, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting

2. Approval of the June 9, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Chris Turner stated that the completion year for the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) cited under item four of the June meeting minutes was incorrect and that the minutes should be changed to indicate that the completion year for TEA-21 is 2014.

The minutes from the June 9, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved with this correction.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1998 thru 2002

and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken reported that no obligation activity occurred during the month of April. She strongly urged members of the Committee to provide MAG with advance notice of delays in obligating projects scheduled to be obligated this fiscal year. She stressed that projects could not be obligated after mid September — the Federal deadline for obligating projects.

4. Reauthorization of ISTEA

John Farry reported that the new Federal surface transportation bill — TEA-21 — had been signed by the President and that technical corrections to this bill were pending as part of Internal Revenue Service reform bill. He indicated that the funding formulas for TEA-21 were not fully understood, but appeared to include the following changes:

- A guarantee that a State will receive an amount equal to at least 90.5 percent of the Federal gas tax revenue collected in the State. This may place a curb on future Congressional action to impound gas tax funds in order to achieve Federal budgetary targets.
- Funding from this guarantee appears to be allocated solely to the State. As a result, it appears that MAG Federal funding may increase by 9 percent, while Federal funding for ADOT may increase by 57 percent. MAG is seeking clarification from ADOT on the commitment of ADOT for projects in the MAG area.

Mr. Christopher Plumb asked if Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funding would be allocated to other regions in the State.

John stated that TEA-21 changed the distribution formula for CMAQ to allow areas that were formerly non attainment areas, but that had reached attainment to continue receiving CMAQ funding. This change does not affect the distribution of CMAQ in Arizona.

Grant Anderson asked if the distinction between obligation authority and cash is retained in TEA-21.. John state that the distinction was retained. He also noted that the guaranteed funding level in TEA-21 could ameliorate the impact of the distinction somewhat, but that this would depend on statewide gas tax collections.

5. Roads of Regional Significance

Mr. Ron Krosting indicated that MAG staff had requested that member agencies indicate what sections of the Roads of Regional Significance (RRS) system would eventually be improved to the RRS standard. Ms. Anne MacCracken passed out a handout describing the RRS standard and indicated that Scottsdale and Tolleson had already responded to the request.

Mr. Christopher Plumb asked if the requested information included when roads would be upgraded

to RRS standards. Ron stressed that the information request pertained only to whether a road section would be upgraded and not to when it would be upgraded.

The representatives from Chandler, Phoenix, Mesa and Gilbert all indicated that they had already responded to the information request. The County representative indicated that their response would soon be forthcoming.

6. FY 1998 Closeout

Ms. Anne MacCracken passed out a handout on closeouts indicating that the handout was based on ISTEAs estimates due to lack of accurate information on TEA-21 funding for this fiscal year. She also indicated that the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) had taken action to recommend priorities for accelerating specific projects should additional Federal funding under TEA-21 become available this fiscal year.

Mr. Grant Anderson expressed concern about the TRC action noting that street project priorities should be reviewed by the Street Committee before they proceed to the TRC. He stressed that the Street Committee, in particular, had directed staff to inform the Street Committee about actions concerning the allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program funding before proceeding to the TRC.

Mr. Ron Krosting echoed Mr. Anderson's concern. He noted that a variety of possible options could have been explored by the Street Committee had the Committee had the opportunity to review projects for acceleration.

Mr. Terry Johnson indicated that all MAG committee members had been contacted by staff for input concerning projects to be reviewed for acceleration by the TRC. He noted that since the projects selected for acceleration would have to be obligated this fiscal year, the list of potential projects was severely limited.

Mr. Christopher Plumb indicated that the County felt that the Bell Road project should have a much higher priority level and that at the upcoming MAG Managers Committee meeting, the County representative would object to the low priority of the Bell Road project.

7. Request for Submission of Annual Funding Questionnaire

Ms. Anne MacCracken discussed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and finance reporting requirements indicating that all agencies that had submitted projects for inclusion in the FY 1993-2003 TIP were required to provide MAG with a completed Congestion Management System compliance form. She also indicated that those agencies that had used the MAG TIP data entry software were required to provide MAG with a signed Paradox licensing agreement.

Mr. Larry Shobe stated that Tempe had already provide Mag with the required forms. Ms. Anne MacCracken indicated that check on the matter

8. Low Cost Projects

Ms. Anne MacCracken handed out a list of low cost projects and requested that Committee members contact their respective TRC representatives if they wish to have particular low cost projects considered by the TRC.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.